

MR. WHEELER FIFTEEN IN COURT

Appalling Testimony which Made the Jurors Move Uneasily in Their Chairs

SLAIN GIRL'S SISTER A WITNESS

Tells How She Identified Bits of Underclothing and Jewelry Belonging to Her Sister Ruth, and Later the Disembodied Body—The Narrative was Too Much for the Mother—Wolter Indifferent.

New York, April 20.—No prisoner on trial for his life in the New York courts is ever remembered to have faced such an array of facts and heart-rending testimony as such a crowd of witnesses as did Albert Wolter today, when confronted with the charged fragments of the body of his daughter, Ruth Wheeler, whom he had charged with having lured to her death in his fat not a month ago.

Testimony of Coroner's Physician. Philip O'Hanlon, a coroner's physician, testified that Ruth was attacked before she was murdered, and that there was still life in her body when it was soaked with kerosene, jammed into the chimney of Wolter's flat and set afire. He said that human hair not her own, he said, adhering to the burned fingers. Therefore he knew she fought for her life, and that she was in the lungs. A corpse does not breathe. Therefore he knew a living and still warm body was smothered to death.

Fidelity Jurors. During this appalling testimony, which made the jurors fidget in their chairs, Wolter sat calm and listless, listening indifferently to the juror's growling exhibits themselves, and his lawyer.

Adelaide Wheeler on Stand. He gave no sign of emotion when Adelaide Wheeler, 19 years old, and said to bear an extraordinary resemblance to her dead sister, took the stand.

PLEA FOR CLEAN JOURNALISM. AND CLEAN NEWSPAPERS. Address by Editor Richmond Times-Dispatch at Yale University.

New Haven, Conn., April 20.—Major T. C. Hemphill, owner and editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, made a plea for cleaner journalism and cleaner newspapers in an address at Yale university tonight, as he delivered the first lecture under the Bromley foundation, provided for by gift in 1900 by Mrs. Adelaide E. Bromley in memory of her husband, Isaac H. Bromley, Yale professor of journalism.

"The press in these abundant times," said Major Hemphill, "is more generally in the business for the money there is in it. The most potent force in shaping and directing the thought and sentiment of the country, it is yet a beggar at the door of patronage. Little or no independence is actually possessed by the journalists who preach independence. It must be said, however, to the credit of the press, that it reflects largely the character of the newspapers by which it is read."

"The yellow streak runs not less through the press than through the people," he said. "The press is the mirror of the nation, and it has catered to the worst tendencies of a corrupt and malicious age. Its mission ought to be to enlighten the public; instead it advertises its degradation; fairly shrieking against its restriction, it is actually converting its liberty into license."

"Broadly speaking, the most generous and the most honest of the American press, and there has been noted for years the gradual degradation of the American press. Some of the cleanest and most self-respecting papers are published in the American press. Here the tendency towards a lower conception of journalism cannot have escaped the observation of those who are interested in the development of civilization."

"The ideal newspaper does not exist; it is doubtful that it ever will. The newspapers of today, like the churches, represent this or that industry, or that question; this or that industry, or that individual, or section; they possess the enthusiasm of adoration, they lack the wisdom of the judge."

"What both newspaper makers and newspaper readers should know and understand would reach the best settlement of the questions in which they are interested, is not party spirit or sectional favor, but broad tolerance of opinion and speech."

PAPAL NUNCIO AT VIENNA HAS NOT BEEN RECALLED. Vatican Declares the Report to Be Utterly Unfounded.

Rome, April 20.—The report that Mr. Gaetano Di Belmonte Pignatelli, the papal nuncio at Vienna, had been recalled is declared by the Vatican to be absolutely unfounded. It is added that not only has the nuncio not been recalled but he has not even been blamed in any way, because the Holy See does not consider that he has incurred any incident by paying a call of courtesy on Ambassador Kereka when he could not help but meet Mr. Roosevelt.

The pope has accepted the resignation of Abbott Lawrence, nuncio at St. Petersburg, and has named as his successor the cardinal secretary of the congregation of affairs of religious, considering that his attitude towards the Russian revolution involved the congregation. He will remain a member of the Biblical commission.

NEW SPECIES OF ANTELOPE. Specimen Slain by Kermit Roosevelt to Bear His Father's Name.

London, April 20.—Edmund Heller of Riverside, Cal., the zoologist who accompanied Mr. Roosevelt on his African hunting trip, has announced that he has discovered a new species of antelope killed by Kermit Roosevelt. It is a new species of antelope, and Heller named it after his father-in-law.

Racing Laws Passed New York Assembly. Albany, N. Y., April 20.—Twenty of Albany's members of the assembly today passed a bill to amend the racing laws, and the other repealing that section of the racing law which exempts officials of racing associations from personal liability for violations of the anti-gambling laws, were passed by a vote of 35 to 25, and 25 to 25, respectively.

Cabled Paragraphs

Cuxhaven, April 20.—A wild storm is raging over the North Sea today. Shipping generally is harbor bound. The Holland steamer and Holland a coaster, arrived here in a damaged condition this afternoon.

Newcastle, N. S. W., April 20.—The British India Navigation company's steamer Satara, has foundered off the Seal Rocks. The fate of the crew is not known. The Satara was bound for Singapore, and it is understood carried no passengers. The crew of the Satara included ten European officers and engineers. The others were lascars.

London, April 20.—The man who died on board the Mauretania during the steamer's latest eastern trip was John Brazor. The steamer's name was as first reported gave rise to the report that the dead passenger was a dentist and was peculiarly formed. It had been thought the defense would attempt to overthrow.

With self possession the girl identified a bit of artificial hair which was her sister's, bits of underclothing that she knew by their texture, jewelry which she knew by its design. It was a surprise to the defense, a seal ring engraved with Ruth Wheeler's initials, which she identified as her sister's. The prosecution will contend that this clinches beyond doubt the previous identification of the girl's body.

Dead Girl's Mother Carried Out Court. It was too much for the mother, who fainted and had to be carried from the court room, but the sister went bravely on.

Constant Objections from Prisoner's Counsel. Objections from Wolter's counsel were constant, and as consistently overruled. His cross-examinations were aggressive, but brief, and they shook the witness, but they did not shake the indication of what the defense will be. The audience today was rather more mixed than heretofore. Twenty or more men, a couple of clergymen and perhaps 200 laymen succeeded in getting by the guards, but hundreds of more were turned aside.

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Autos and Pianos Ordered to Report Go Overboard For Work Today

WITH SEWING MACHINES, FURNITURE AND CIGARETTES.

CARGO OF THE MINNEHAMA

Jettisoned in Effort to Lighten the Stranded Ship—Day of Wealth for Wreckers of Scilly Islands.

Hughtown, St. Mary's, Scilly Islands, April 20.—The inhabitants of the rocky Scilly Islands were famous wreckers in former times, and they remember this as the greatest day in their history. The Atlantic Transport liner Minnehama, which was stranded here Monday morning, disgorged part of her 17,000 tons of valuable cargo, casting up upon the waters all day long to be gathered up by those who cared to take the trouble.

Farming and fishing were abandoned, school even was dismissed, and most of the population of the nearby islands were out on the beach, waiting for the goods. The salvagers decided to take the Minnehama to the same way they did the White Star steamship Suenia, which went ashore near the Lizard in March, 1907, by cutting her in half.

Every effort to lighten the ship is now imperative. Today the waves beat up too high and strong for the tugs to go alongside. Consequently the forward hold as fast as the stevedores and a large crew who arrived last night from Falmouth could raise them to the deck.

Fleet of Wreckers on the Scene. Huge cases containing automobiles and pianos, sewing machines, and other goods, were cast up on the beach, striking the water with a great splash. Sewing machines and pianos were scattered everywhere. Many barrels of cigarettes covered the beach, and the wreckers were busy picking up the goods.

Tidings of this jettisoning of wealth spread early and a fleet of fishing boats came to the scene. As fast as the cargo hit the water the enterprising boatmen were busy picking up the goods, while they took the larger ones to town.

DREXEL'S HIGH COST OF LIVING FEELS SORE OVER IT. Father-in-Law of a Bride Paid \$175 For Two Eggs.

New York, April 20.—Anthony J. Drexel of Philadelphia, whose son was married to Miss Margaret Gould yesterday, is feeling sore over the high cost of living. He said, "Now I'm going over to the other side for the next one. Nothing for wedding presents now, it seems."

The breakfast spread he served him caused Mr. Drexel to bring a discussion on the high cost of living. "What are you going to do about this high cost of living?" he asked. "Why, I'm going to do nothing about it. I'm going to eat up my money."

Mr. Drexel put up at the Waldorf-Astoria when he came to town for his son's wedding. He left the hotel last night.

BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED FOR RETIREMENT FOR AGE. Compulsory Savings Plan for Federal Government Employees.

Washington, April 20.—A bill providing for the retirement for age of the employees of the classified civil service—a compulsory savings plan for federal government employees—was reported favorably to the House today by the committee on civil service reform. The measure is not intended to establish civil pensions, but is the outcome of an exhaustive investigation of similar plans in force among many governments.

It is the same plan as that just adopted by England. Somewhat similar plans are in operation in France, Germany, Canada, Holland, Turkey and New Zealand.

The bill would retire on annuities employees whose advanced years have decreased their capacity for service, and whose annuities would be paid by deductions from their salaries, the deductions to be returned to employees if their resign or to heirs in case of death. The institution of the system, says Chairman Cullitt, will call up the bill at the first opportunity, would be of sufficient advantage to the service to compensate for the expense.

PATTEN COTTON INQUIRY. Statement Issued by Subpoenaed New York Cotton Broker.

New York, April 20.—David H. Miller, a member of the New York cotton exchange and one of those subpoenaed to appear before the committee on alleged bull pool of raw cotton, issued a statement tonight commending the government's action and denying that the investigation was induced by complaints of the bears. He also absolved the New York cotton exchange from any official connection with the matter.

Recalcitrant Witness to Be Given One More Chance. Washington, April 20.—It was decided today to give John A. Maxwell, of Indiana, a second chance to testify before the house subcommittee investigating the cotton market. Maxwell had refused to answer the committee's questions. The committee informally concluded today to try to get the information from him in some other way. The idea being that the report to the house was too serious a procedure to adopt without exhausting every means of getting the witness to tell what he knew without reservation.

Remarkable Feat of French Aviator. Charlieville, France, April 20.—The French aviator, Roger Sommer, accomplished a remarkable feat today which established a new world's record for aeroplanes. He made a flight of three hours across country with four passengers.

Condensed Telegrams

Marked Declines in the Prices of food are taking place.

A Petition of 22,000 Signatures, urging Banker Walsh's pardon, was presented to President Taft.

Rear Admiral Hubbard Entertained the Chinese dignitaries of Amoy on his flagship, the Charleston.

Brigadier General Witherspoon has been selected to command all the troops at the Gettysburg encampment.

Juan V. Gomez Surrendered the provisional presidency of Venezuela, in accordance with the new constitution.

A Class of Junior Students at Marietta college broke up services at the college chapel and ejected President Perry.

Argument of the Omaha (Neb.) waterworks case consumed the entire time of the supreme court of the United States.

Emil Seidel, the Social Democratic member of the city council of the same faith, went into office.

William J. Bryan, before the committee on insular affairs, urged an appropriation to eliminate the back-worm in Porto Rico.

Dr. George A. Bailey of Manchester, N. H., dropped dead of heart failure in the rooms of the house committee on invalid pensioning.

Three Dead and a Number of fatally injured were removed from the wreckage of the landslide on the new Trans-Continental railroad near La Tuque, Que.

Lloyd George, Chancellor of the British exchequer, in introducing last year's budget in the house of commons, commented upon the decrease of per cent in the consumption of whisky.

Forty Men Entombed IN AN ALABAMA MINE. Explosion Last Night in Birmingham Coal and Iron Co. Shaft.

Birmingham, Ala., April 20.—About forty men were entombed in a mine of the Birmingham Coal and Iron company as the result of an explosion that occurred here last night.

The explosion was of such force that the flames shot to a great height from the mine shaft. The explosion occurred at about 10 o'clock last night.

The cause in the mouth of the shaft were so badly sprung by the explosion that they could be seen from the surface. The explosion was not on fire and air is pumped into the mine all the time.

The cause of the explosion has not been determined. Birmingham, Ala., April 21.—Word had been received here that twenty-five of the entombed men in the Mulga mine were killed by the explosion. A. J. B. Bessie, a Birmingham miner, was killed by the explosion.

Refusal to Allow Catholic Clergy to Take Part Due to Misunderstanding. New Haven, April 20.—On his return from Hartford, Conn., where he had been to call on Monsignor John Synnott, Father Malloy of St. Mary's church, refused to allow the Catholic clergy to take part in the memorial service for the three firemen killed in the fire here, and whose bodies were buried in the city hall.

Several Villages Inundated—Enormous Damage to Property. Belgrade, Serbia, April 20.—Serbia is again in the grip of the floods, as a result of torrential rains during the past few days. At Kragujevac, where the floods are most severe, twelve villages have been inundated, and the damage to property is enormous.

Chicago Catches Halley's Comet With Aid of Telescope. Prof. Fox Sees Celestial Wanderer Without Aid of Telescope.

Chicago, April 20.—Halley's comet was seen here for the first time with the aid of a telescope by Professor Fox, an astronomer.

Professor Fox of Northwestern university, who was in Chicago for a lecture, was given to the directors of the Redding public library, which is expected to be called the "Mark Twain Library."

Redding, Conn., April 20.—In a statement given out tonight by Dr. Robert H. Redding, president of the Redding board of directors, it was stated that the total number of persons killed was 199, and the total number injured was 224. The total number of persons killed on the electric lines was 28, and 442 injured, during the months of October, November and December, 1909.

The damage to cars, roadbeds and equipment amounted to \$23,830.

CONGRESS WEDNESDAY. Senator Purcell Attacked Railroad Bill—Withdrawal of Public Lands.

Washington, April 20.—A bill authorizing the president to make withdrawals of public lands for the purpose of establishing a national park, was passed by the house today.

The entire session was devoted to the consideration of the bill, which was passed by a vote of 219 to 191.

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FRANK N. HOFFSTOT ARRESTED

On Charge of Conspiracy in Connection with Pittsburgh Bribery Scandals

RELEASED UNDER \$10,000 BONDS

Hoffstot Fought Extradition on the Ground that He was Not a Fugitive from Justice, According to the Indictment—Taken Before Judge Holt in the United States Circuit Court at New York.

New York, April 20.—Frank N. Hoffstot, president of the Pressed Steel Car company, was arrested at his office, No. 30 Broad street, today, soon after he had come to the office of the attorney, that Governor Hughes had arrested him to the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Hoffstot was arrested on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the Pittsburgh bribery scandals. He was taken to the New York city jail, where he was held overnight.

Hoffstot fought extradition on the ground that he was not a fugitive from justice, according to the indictment. He was taken before Judge Holt in the United States Circuit Court at New York.

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